

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; while the virtues of friendship are often taken for granted or not expressed, it has long been understood that friendships are important and meaningful relationships; and

*WHEREAS*; to bring special attention to the value of friendship, Joyce C. Hall, founder of Hallmark Cards, suggested in 1919 that a day be set aside every year for Friendship Day; and

*WHEREAS*; since it was first proposed, Friendship Day has been observed as an occasion to foster a greater appreciation of friendship in our country; and

*WHEREAS*; in 1935, the United States Congress officially designated the first Sunday in August as Friendship Day; and

*WHEREAS*; especially after the past two years, that for many have been marked by uncertainty, isolation, and stress, Friendship Day presents all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to appreciate, connect with, support, and pay tribute to their friends, as well as seek out new friends and create meaningful relationships with others;

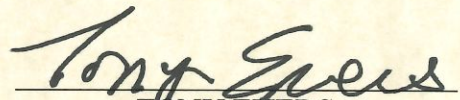
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2022, as

## FRIENDSHIP DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State